In the Supreme Court of Iowa

In the Matter of the Schedule for the Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to Iowa's Bar Admission Process



Order

On May 13, 2014, the Iowa Supreme Court issued an order setting a public hearing and opening the comment period on the proposed amendments to Iowa's bar admission process. The proposed amendments were recommended by The Iowa State Bar Association's Blue Ribbon Committee on Legal Education and Licensure (ISBA). The principal recommendation of the report is for Iowa to adopt a "diploma privilege" admitting graduates of Drake University Law School and the University of Iowa College of Law to the practice of law in Iowa absent the required taking and successful completion of the current Iowa Bar Examination. An additional recommendation is for Iowa to adopt the Uniform Bar Examination for bar applicants who would not qualify for the diploma privilege.

The public hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2014. The hearing will be held in the supreme court courtroom, located on the 4th floor of the Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines. The individuals scheduled to present at the public hearing are:

David L. Brown, Attorney

Roxanne Conlin, Attorney

Barry Currier, Managing Director of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

Jim Ellefson, District Court Judge

Phil Garland, Attorney

Ann Jorgenson, Illinois Appellate Judge, Second District

Michael Keller, Attorney

Ryan Koopmans, Attorney

Tom Levis, Attorney

Catherine Lucas, Attorney

Dick Lyford, Iowa Board of Law Examiners

Linda McGuire, Associate Dean, University of Iowa Law School

Tom Miller, Attorney General

Michael Mock, Attorney

Erica Moeser, National Conference of Bar Examiners

Paul Morf, Attorney

James Morrison, Wisconsin District Court Judge

Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Professor, University of Iowa Law School

Alfredo Parrish, Attorney

Tim Semelroth, Attorney

Melanie Thwing, Student Bar Association President, Drake University Law School

Ben Ullem, Dean, Drake University Law School

Allan Vestal, Professor, Drake University Law School

Copies of the ISBA report and recommendations, staff report, and public comments to the proposed amendments can be found at: http://www.iowacourts.gov/For_Attorneys/Bar_Information__Admissions/Dipl oma_Privilege_Public_Comment/

Dated this 1st day of August, 2014.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

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Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice

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